

THE PRESIDENT SICK

Severe Indisposition of President Grant at Long Branch.

Accident to a Son of Ex-Collector
Murphy.

Master Walter Murphy, twelve years old, a son of ex-Collector Murphy, shot himself in the leg to-

day, through the accidental discharge of a pistol with which he was playing on the beach. The ball passed through the calf of his leg, inflicting a severe flesh wound.

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 22, 1873.
For over five weeks this section of country has been without rain. If we may except a slight

showers several days ago. For many days the heat has been intense, the mercury in the thermometer ranging among the nineties. For three or four nights past no dew has fallen and the country is suffering terribly. The

meadows and sowing fodder corn, fearing they will have nothing for their stock if the drought continues. Oats on rocky, dry lands are completely gone. Rocky and gravelly land has turned

asred as a fox. And the mountain fires have commenced. In the high lands on the Hudson, on St. Anthony's Nose, across to Fort Montgomery and in the vicinity of Crow's Nest hundreds of trees have been destroyed by the flames. Friday night fire caught in the underbrush on the Fishkill Mountains, five miles from Silver Lake, and in

was magnificent, the crests of the mountains being lined with flame, and the whole valley beneath was the next morning enveloped in smoke. Gangs of men were hurried to the spot, and they fought the fire with dirt and fallows, but it is burn-

ing yet, and up the Hudson a smoky atmosphere prevails day and night, and the smell of fire from burning forests and underbrush is everywhere. The Catskill Mountains are almost entirely shut from view, as also is the Ulster range of the Shawangunks. There have been westerly winds for many days, and as a consequence the water in the

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